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Dear Sir:

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Inasmuch as this paper is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, as is called for in 37 CFR 1.97(b), it is respectfully requested that due consideration be given to the art that is cited herein, and that such art be made "of record" during the prosecution of this application.

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While it is believed that the claimed subject matter of the above-identified application distinguishes patentably over all of the above-listed references and information, the Examiner's careful review is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Applicants learn of other material information during the pendency of the present application, such information will be brought promptly to the attention of the Examiner.

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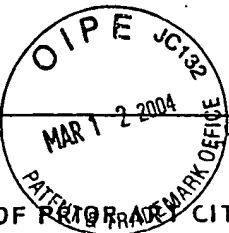
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